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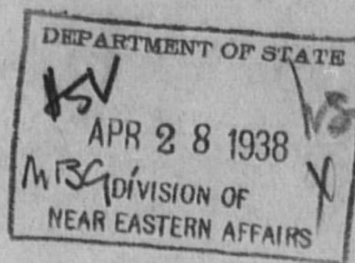
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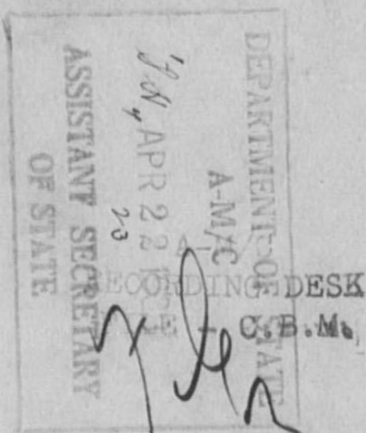
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ADDIS ABEBA'S POPULATION INCREASES

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According to the latest statistics published by the official government anagraphic office at Addis Abeba, the capital city's permanent national population showed a marked increase during the past fourteen months. Comparative figures, with increases indicated, follow:

	Registered Jan.1,1937	Register. Mar.1/38	Increase	
			No.	%
Italian nationals	1,508	14,585	13,077	867%
	( men	10,205		
	women	4,380)		
Foreigners	2,341	2,365	24	1%
	(men	1,455		
	women	910)		
Indigenes	-----	150,000	--	--
		(approximately)		
Total (approximate)				
March 1, 1938:		167,000		

Comment: One especially noticeable phase of the increase in the number of Italian nationals was the influx of women during the nine month period, January 1, 1937 - September 30, 1937. Between those two dates the number of alleged permanent women residents swelled from 101 to 4,380 which represents a growth of 4,279 or 4,236 percent. This may be attributed in a large measure, to the reuniting of families, the heads of which had delayed having women relatives emigrate until conditions were more favorable for residence. It is thought likely however that part of this increase may be accounted for by possible shipments of additional and relief white prostitutes although no data concerning such traffic, recently,

has

has been found.

The general increase is believed due to the need for government civil functionaries, technicians, specialists, laborers, etc.

Figures relating to any possible increase in suburban population, resulting possibly from the efforts being made to encourage colonization of that newly acquired territory, have not been observed.

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